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Atlantic Fire.

A grand parade of the firemen of Lancaster, Pa., took place on the 12th of September. The Friendship Fire Company of Baltimore, was to participate.

The steam saw mill of F. H. Roe, Vincennes, Indiana, was destroyed by fire on August 23d.—Loss \$4000. No insurance.

The hearse factory of McGraw Bros., at Lexington, Mo., was destroyed by fire on August 1st.—Loss insured.

A New Fire Ladder.—A Cincinnati mechanic has invented a new description of ladder to be used at fires. Its utility was practically demonstrated in that city a few days ago. It is made of the extension principle, occupying but a small space, but which can be extended to a length of 75 feet. It draws the greatest number of stretch and balanced steeds, placed in position, and by simply turning a crank, it shot out one reach after another, and in a minute or two, its hooks were hitched over the top of the fire storey building there located, and persons were passing up and down the whole distance. To the upper end of the ladder a pulley is attached over which runs a rope with a basket at one end, which is easily raised to any width, and attached to the ladder, persons can then mount or descend into the building.

It advantages are, that it is light; easily drawn by one person; and can be used in any building.

It is easily removed persons from burning buildings, after escape by stairs and door is removed.

[We have seen several of those ladder inventions tested in New York, but there is nothing like it.

On the 18th of August a fire broke out in Clarksville, Va., which destroyed a large part of the village. Loss \$19,000. Insured.

FIREMEN'S MUSTER IN DOVER.—The Dover correspondent of the Boston *Advertiser* says that the Firemen's Muster in that city will be a failure.—But we will let him use his own words: "We had supposed that the Firemen's Muster was sure to be a success, but we were disappointed; and in these Compagnies a strong opposition was had. We would suggest for the benefit of the disappointed, that a Firemen's Muster be held in the several cities and in the city societies during the coming fall, and prizes be awarded to the companies who shall exhibit the most skill in working their several engines."

FIRES DURING THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 29, 1857.

1. 20d instant, 2, 48, p. m.—Burg 63, corner of Franklin and Broad, in Franklin avenue, Fourth Dist., N. E. Sheds, Franklin avenue and Front street. Damage trifling.

2. 23d instant, 10, p. m.—Dwelling, Bellmount, on the river road. Damage \$300—no insurance. No alarm from State House.

3. 25th instant, 7, 40, a. m.—Two dwellings, Lancaster avenue. Damage \$600—one insured for \$500, the other not insured. No alarm from State House.

4. 26th instant, 2, p. m.—Dwelling in Miller's Court. Damage trifling.

5. 27th instant, 1, 35, a. m.—Burg 63, Fourth District, N. E. corner of Franklin avenue and Franklin road, Franklin road, opposite Queen street. Damage trifling.

6. 27th instant, 8, 30, a. m.—Mill on the Canal bank. Damage trifling.

7. 28th instant, 12, 20, a. m.—Box 258, Frankford road and Aitch street. Dwelling, Cumberland street, near Trenton avenue. Damage \$50.

8. 29th instant, 3, p. m.—Dwelling, Fifth street and Marriot's lane. Damage trifling.

9. 29th instant, 9, 55, p. m.—Dwelling, Third street, below Green. Damage trifling.

The New York *Advertiser* in speaking of the various exercises made by the firemen in that city during the summer, has the following in relation to the American Engine Company No. 6, which will be read with interest by firemen throughout the State:

American Engine Company No. 6, one of the best companies in the city of New York, leave on next Saturday on their excursion through the Canadian provinces, to the city of Montreal, in the Tweed and Joseph Johnson. They will be the fifth members of the American Association, and be accompanied by Dowdworth's band. A more select party has never left the city of New York, and can never be of service. The firemen under the best circumstances have a hard time in the performance of their duties; but this sending them at all hours of the day and night on foot errands is altogether too bad. We go in for having stopped to all costs. A few examples well tried on would do the thing.

IRE EQUIPMENT.—The Philadelphia *Standard Mercury* says, "Some of our fire companies appear to have taken a great fancy to the New York style of equipment. The Washington Hose has adopted a black hat of that style. The American Engine have changed their equipments to the Empire style, and the Schuykill Hose have adopted a black New York hat with gilt ribs; drab pants tipped with black patent leather, and drab coat.

The Philadelphia Hose Company have contracted with Messrs. Remond, Nease & Co., for the building of two new steam engines, to cost \$3,500 each. The cost of adapting the house to steam operation will be \$1,000. Steam engines are looked upon with a great deal of favor by the Philadelphia firemen.

IREMAN'S FUNERAL.—Mr. W. C. Wilkins, long and favorably known to the Fire Department as a member of the Vigilant Fire Company, was buried August 23d, from his residence, Race street, above Eighth. Mr. W.'s sudden death was caused by an attack of rheumatism, which, with a fever of three days, caused him to leave the city of Montreal, the Northern Liberty Hose Company, which is to be erected to-morrow, he having risen from a bed of sickness to complete that work. Mr. W. was the architect of the Firemen's Block in the Washington Monument, the Franklin Lodge, and Actor's Order of Friendship. The funeral was attended by the Vigilant Engine Company, Northern Liberty Hose Company, Franklin Dodge, and Washington Blues.

Schuykill Hose Company No. 24, have been provided with new apparatus, built by E. Young, and mounted by M. A. Abell. This company have introduced into their house an improvement which does away with the trouble of turning the apparatus and backing into the house. It consists of a circular piece of the floor working on a pivot; the carriage is run in without turning, and, when on the circle, it revolves on the pivot, and brings the carriage with the tongue towards the door, ready to go out again.

From Boston they will depart for Springfield and Worcester, where they will be received by Hook & Ladder Company No. 13, and a number of other companies. The engine that will be taken up by

the company has been decorated in style, and will be the best in the country when finished. The painting has been done by that excellent artist, Joseph H. Johnson, and is worthy of the attention of all! we are posted in the adornment of fire apparatus. The Engine will be on exhibition at the house after Wednesday next, and is well worthy a visit.

An excursion gotten up by the parties who are connected with this affair cannot but end to the satisfaction of all who participate. The expenses will be borne by some six thousand dollars, as the company are determined to go prepared to meet any emergency.

The dedication of the Northern Liberty Hose Co.'s Monument, took place on August 24th.

The Philadelphia firemen at the last accounts, were making great preparations for their parade, which was to take place on Monday last. The formation of the line was to be, first, the oldest engine company, then, the ladder company, and then the hose company, and last, the hose company, and then the ladder company. Upwards of 140 companies were expected to take part in the parade. A number of companies had signified their intention to be present from other cities; of which the following is a list:

Monumental Hose of Baltimore—Guests of the Philadelphia Hose. Independent Engine Company of Baltimore—Guests of the Hose Company of America Engine.

Tivoli Hose, Albany, New York; Empire Hook and Ladder Company, Jersey City, New Jersey; Neptune Engine, Troy, New York—Guests of the Diligen Engine Company.

The General Superintendent appointed D. K. Kneller, Chief Engineer of Elmira and Assistant Superintendents C. Story and A. Sweet, of the same place, Second Assistants.

Shortly after ten o'clock a. m. all the fire companies formed in line at Elmira and marched to the fair. They were then reviewed by the President of the Society and Colonel Ely, Mayor of Elmira. The companies with their engines and bands marched in procession through the village, and then down the track. The bright colored uniforms of the firemen, their engines, bands and banners, extending an area of more than half a mile in length, presented a most beautiful spectacle. The dress of some of the rustic companies was more variegated and showy than the serviceable uniform of the metropolitans, but the mainly bearing, fine figures, and well-arranged uniforms rendered them equally attractive. The last, and indeed them all, marched in the finest looking company on parade. The dress of some of the other companies was quite mongrel and the bearing of none of them would do justice to a critic. The following is the order of the procession:

The Elmira Brass Band.

Ocean Co. No. 1, of Geneva.

Franklin Co. No. 2, of Elmira.

Nepthys No. 5, of Utica; with its band, Young America No. 4, of Elmira.

Red Rover No. 3, of Elmira.

Eureka No. 5, of Elmira.

The Mutual No. 51, of New York, with their Washington Brass Band.

Torrent No. 2, of Rochester.

Central No. 1, of Utica.

Somers No. 1, of Watkins, N. Y.

Protection Hook and Ladder Co. of Elmira.

The Protection Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, with a brass band, came in from Binghamton, N. Y., shortly after, but too late to take part in the review. They were on a visit to the fair merely, and did not intend to compete for any premiums. This company presented the most appearance of the day, and the last, and indeed them all, marched in the finest looking company on parade. The dress of some of the other companies was quite mongrel and the bearing of none of them would do justice to a critic.

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